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the work to be performed on the headstones and markers, gravesites, or turf conditions.

(c) If VA determines that the project's plans and specifications comply with the terms and conditions prescribed by VA, VA will send the State or Tribal Organization a written letter of approval indicating that the project's plans and specifications comply with the terms and conditions as prescribed by VA. This does not constitute approval of the contract documents. It is the responsibility of the State or Tribal Organization to ascertain that all State and Federal requirements have been met and that the drawings and specifications are acceptable for bid purposes.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2408)

(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirement in this section under control number 2900-0559)

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§ 39.83 Conferences.

(a) *Planning conference.* The VCGS may require planning conferences for Operation and Maintenance Projects, primarily to ensure that the State or Tribal Organization becomes oriented to VA's national shrine standards, procedures, requirements, and any technical comments pertaining to the project. These conferences will normally occur over the telephone.

(b) *Additional conferences.* At any time, VA may recommend an additional telephone conference to provide an opportunity for the State or Tribal Organization to discuss with VA officials the requirements for an Operation and Maintenance Project grant.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2408)

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§ 39.84 Application requirements.

For an Operation and Maintenance Project to be considered for grant funding under this subpart, the State or Tribal Organization must submit an application (as opposed to a preapplication) consisting of the following:

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(a) Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance) with the box labeled "application" marked;

(b) Standard Form 424C (Budget Information), which documents the amount of funds requested based on the construction costs as estimated by the successful construction bid;

(c) A copy of itemized bid tabulations; and

(d) Standard Form 424D (Assurances—Construction Program).

(e) VA Form 40-0895-11 (Memorandum of Agreement for a Grant to Construct or Modify a State or Tribal Government Veterans Cemetery) to identify the parties (VA and applicant), identify the scope of the project, and indicate how the grant award funds will be paid to the applicant.

(f) VA Form 40-0895-12 (Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions (Contractor)) to ensure that the contractor has not been debarred or suspended, and is eligible to participate in the VA grant process and receive Federal funds.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2408)

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§ 39.85 Final review and approval of application.

Following VA approval of bid tabulations and cost estimates, the complete Operation and Maintenance Project grant application will be reviewed for approval in accordance with the requirements of § 39.80. If the application is approved, the grant will be awarded by a Memorandum of Agreement of Federal grant funds.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2408)

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AWARD OF GRANT

§ 39.100 Amount of grant.

(a) The amount of an Operation and Maintenance Project grant awarded under this subpart may not exceed 100